

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-2) today announces that the Rural Development office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has issued two grants totaling almost \$75,000 for the Second Congressional District of Georgia.

“I am very pleased to announce these two Rural Development Grants because of the great opportunities they provide for the life-blood of our district,” said Congressman Bishop. “The heart of South Georgia lies in our rural communities, and these ventures create jobs and stimulate our economy, and when our rural areas thrive, we know the country is getting back on track!”

Southwest Georgia United Empowerment Zone, Inc., in Vienna, will receive a \$50,000 Grant to be used for technical and financial assistance to build and grow its community-based resource development program to serve low-income rural communities in Georgia.

The City of Pinehurst will receive a \$22,784 Grant to be used for the renovation of the interior of the Oak Avenue Water Tower, saving an estimated thirty-three jobs through this grant’s assistance.

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